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Dear Sir:

In connection with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-captioned application, and responsive to the Office Action, mailed January 27, 2003, entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 32 with amended claim 32 as follows:

32. (Twice Amended) A method of prophylaxis, diagnosis and treatment, comprising:
assessing cell activation in a subject; and, if elevated,
administering activation lowering therapy, thereby preventing a disease or disorder or reducing the risk of a poor outcome of treatment of a disease or disorder.

relative to what?

activation of what?

is this a method or

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